



Scottish Social Services Learning Network West E-bulletin

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Welcome to June Ebulletin

Welcome to our 6th ebulletin of the year. This month's edition is packed full of up and coming events most of which are free. Learning Network West continues to promote shared training and learning opportunities across all three sectors. With a combination of our Local Learning Network meetings and our partnership working, we aim to keep you up to date with the latest events, conferences, consultations and reports. If you wish to advertise any forthcoming events, training or meetings please contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

Forthcoming Local Learning Network/LPFs

Area	Date	Time	Venue
Argyll & Bute	16th July	10.30	The George Hotel Inverary
Ayrshires and Dumfries & Galloway	4th June	11am	Cumnock Town Hall
East Dunbartonshire	TBC	TBC	
East Renfrewshire	TBC	TBC	
Glasgow	14th July (TBC)	1.30pm	Mitchell Library
Inverclyde	13th July (TBC)		
Lanarkshires	5th August	9.30am	St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie
Renfrewshire	14th July (TBC)	9.30am	Paisley, LNW offices
West Dunbartonshire LPLN	6th July	9.30am	Carman Centre, Renton

If you wish to attend any of these event please register online on our events page of our website <http://west.learningnetworks.org.uk/events.php> or contact caty.mccolgan@westlearn.org.uk.

LEARN (Glasgow Service User and Carer Local Learning Network)

Service user and carer involvement: The National Strategy for the Development of the Social Service Workforce in Scotland: A Plan for Action 2005 – 2010 states that a more valued, competent and confident workforce will help service users and carers to feel:

- valued and respected
- part of society
- supported to achieve their goals
- able to make choices

With this and other strategies as a starting point and building on work already done by Glasgow Service User and Carer Group (formerly SUCIG), a group of carers and people who use services have come together to form LEARN (Glasgow Service User and Carer Local Learning Network).

The purpose of LEARN is to help shape the learning and development of staff and students involved in all aspects of social services in the Glasgow area. Members will do this by contributing to the education, training and development of staff and students. LEARN is committed to improving services that better meets the needs of service users and carers. To find out more about the work of the group please contact Julie Thomson on 0141 848 1500 or email her at julie.thomson@westlearn.org.uk

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News/Consultations/Publications/Reports

National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland consultation - The revised National Guidance on Child Protection reflects this changed and changing landscape; and also the Scottish Government's distinctive and strong commitment to working in partnership with practitioners across the child protection sector to best support local practice at national level. [Click here](#) for further information.

Guidance on partnership working between allied health professions and education—This Scottish Government guidance document is to support improved partnership working between education and allied health professions services. [Click here](#) for further information.

Trends in Social Work Training – SSSC Annual review of trends in qualifying social work training in Scotland 2007/08 is now available to download; this is a historical report. SSSC plan to publish a report for each year looking at emerging trends in social work training. The report for 2008/09 academic year will be published later this year. Click on link to download the report in **PDF format (658.43Kb)**. For further information or if you would like a hard copy please contact Joyce Hannah from the Education and Workforce Development Team on 01382 207173 or email joyce.hanna@sssc.uk.com

Latest Edition of the SCLD News Summer 2010 is now available to download. [Click here](#) to view.

SIRCC News – SIRCC Library's Press Update can now be viewed online. This resource provides you with links to relevant news from the National Press. [Click here](#) to read further.

Give Me A Chance – be fair to a child in care—is the call from children and young people in care to you! This campaign site is your gateway to hear more about the experience of being part of the care system in Scotland and to find out how you can help give young people in care a better chance. Click on link to view their website <http://www.givemeachancescotland.org/>

News Release Scottish Government—Dementia strategy launches commitments to improve support after diagnosis and hospital care for people with dementia; this has been made part of Scotland's first [national dementia strategy](#). [Click here](#) for further information.

Enabling Partnerships: Sharing Knowledge to Build the Mutual NHS— A knowledge management strategy and action plan for better health and better care in Scotland 2010-2012: [Enabling Partnerships \(pdf\)](#)

SCVO Strategic Review - your views wanted—SCVO's Strategic Review is being undertaken in the context of a new UK government, the prospect of a Scottish election in May 2011, and the most severe public expenditure restraint of recent times. In this context SCVO want to know what you think; and how they can best help their members, the wider sector and their partners to meet the challenges of the months and years ahead. They have created a comprehensive online survey that allows you to: give an overview of your opinions on a range of issues and engage with them in more depth on specific issues that you are passionate about.

Please click here to access the survey. The survey will remain open until 6 August 2010.

Carers Week 14th June to 20 June—There are many things happening across the UK for this year's carers week. A site that you may find of interest is carers week <http://www.carersweek.org/index.asp>.

MSc/Diploma/Certificate in Social Work Management Glasgow School of Social Work, University of Strathclyde

Applications are invited for the above course. This post graduate programme offers busy social work managers a flexible, challenging and professionally relevant course.

The programme is recognised by the Scottish Social Services Council as a relevant manager's award for the purposes of registration.

Entry qualifications are first degree or professional qualifications and/or experience deemed equivalent.

Application pack is available by contacting Pamela McDaid, Course Administrator at p.mcdaid@strath.ac.uk, or phone her on 0141 950 3581. Additional course information can be accessed via their web address using the following link: <http://www.strath.ac.uk/gssw/gsswcourses/mscinsocialworkmanagement/>

Course starts in September 2010.

SWAN 2010 5th Annual Conference, Friday 3rd & 4th September, Glasgow Caledonian University

Social Work Action Network (SWAN) will be holding their 5th Annual conference on the above dates. The focus of the day is 'Building a Social Work Resistance: Cuts, Crisis and Contradictions'. Further information can be obtained by emailing swanscotland@yahoo.co.uk

To access the booking form [click here](#).

Person-Centred Care: The Effective Use and Dissemination of Knowledge, Tuesday 22nd June 2010, CoSLA Conference Haymarket, Edinburgh

Social Services Research Group (SSRG) are holding the above conference.

Speakers from Scotland and England will share the 'knowledge' that is available to inform practice and improve outcomes for vulnerable adults. The 'knowledge' base is derived from a number of sources, for example research, inspection and local good practice.

Speakers from ADSW, Scottish Government, SWIA, universities and local authorities and partnerships will discuss:

- Summary feedback on the SDS National Strategy Consultation:
- Messages from Inspection
- SDS Test Pilot in Scotland (Description and Evaluation Approach)
- Personalisation in England (Policy and Evaluation)
- SDS and Personalisation in Edinburgh and Salford

For further information and to access booking form [click here](#), alternatively go to the SSRG website www.ssr.org.uk

Recovery Scotland, 23 June 2010, Edinburgh Corn Exchange

Pavilion is holding this one-day event at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange on 23 June 2010.

This unique event is taking a person-centred and community-led approach to substance misuse.

Recovery Scotland will include an exhibition, interactive zones and a comprehensive seminar programme.

Online booking and further information is available at www.recovery-scotland.com or from Pavilion on 0844 880 5061.

Learning Opportunities, Dumfries & Galloway Council

Do you work in Social Work Services? Would you like to find out more about learning opportunities to meet your needs?

If so, the Learning and Development Team of Dumfries and Galloway Council would like to invite you to the following opens days.

17th June, Victoria Halls, Annan
22nd June, Town Hall, Dalbeattie
24th June Town Hall, Wigtown

For further information and to book a place please contact Rory.Nelson@dumgal.gov.uk

Continuous Learning Framework, Information Session, 10.30am, 29th June 2010, Learning Networks Offices, Paisley

Please note that an information session on the Continuous Learning Framework will be held on 29th June, 10.30am at Learning Network West offices, Paisley. To confirm a place please email Shirley.gibson@sssc.com.uk. Lunch will be provided.

University of Stirling CPD: Graduate Certificate in Child Welfare and Protection

Applications are now being invited for the autumn intakes of the above Certificate as follows:

West of Scotland (Glasgow intake) – 11/10/10
Central (Stirling intake) – 18/10/10
North East (Aberdeen intake) – 25/10/10
South East (Edinburgh intake) – 01/11/10

Places are limited and early application is advised. For further details and application forms please contact Graeme Hampton (Programme Administrator)

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Sharing, Solutions in Professional Practice Learning, Teaching, Social Work and Nursing,

Invitation to national workshop on Monday 14 June 2010 at Glasgow Caledonian University

QAA Scotland, together with the General Teaching Council, Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council, is hosting a national workshop to explore key features of professional practice based learning. The workshop will address

- Learning support (including practice based teaching qualifications and mentorship);
- Supporting newly qualified practitioners;
- Practice placement coordination; and
- Harmonising documentation.

It will share profession specific models and resources and consider the potential and priorities for joint/shared working in professional practice learning.

Click here for [draft programme](#) – further details will be available when all speakers have been confirmed.

Click here for [booking form](#) – please complete and return to Liz Piper at e.piper@gaa.ac.uk by Friday 4 June. Places are strictly limited, so early booking is advisable.

Learning Network West, Training Facility, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley

Learning Network West's training facility is available to hire. If you wish to run a one day event or use our premises over a longer period of time we will be happy to assist. Our premises are located at the Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley, we are conveniently situated for public transport and parking is available.

Our rates are very competitive and include:

Audio/loop systems

Laptop/projector facilities

DVD/Video

Flipcharts

White boards

Tea/coffee

Our main Training room can comfortably hold up to 35 delegates depending on layout.

We also have two small break out rooms which can hold a maximum of 8 to 10 people.

Lunches can be arranged at an extra cost.

If you wish to enquire about prices, dates etc. please contact denise.alexander@westlearn.org.uk or call 0141 848 1500.

